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## **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, 1945 - 1946**

### **Selectmen and Overseers of Poor**

Lyle C. Towne   Edwin A. Holmbom   Stanwood R. Pullen

### **Assessors**

Lyle C. Towne   Edwin A. Holmbom   Stanwood R. Pullen

### **Town Clerk**

W Harry Hughes

### **Town Treasurer**

Fred M. Hescock

### **Tax Collector**

Lyman E. Davidson

### **School Committee**

Arthur L. Bray   Edith R. Jackson   George P. Pullen

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Claude L. Sidelinger

### **Sexton**

Arthur E. Haggstrom

### **Fire Chief**

Dennis C. Weeks

### **Health Officer**

Harry W. Davis

### **Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Fred M. Hescock

## TOWN OF MONSON

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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

## Valuation April 1, 1945

## VALUATION:

Real Estate, Resident	\$199,575.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	133,529.00

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TOTAL REAL ESTATE	\$333,104.00
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Personal Estate, Resident	\$35,431.00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	15,090.00

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TOTAL PERSONAL ESTATE	\$50,521.00
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$383,625.00
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Total Value of Land	\$179,249.00
Total Value of Buildings	153,855.00

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	\$333,104.00
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## COMMITMENT:

Number of Polls Taxed, 216 @ \$3.00 \$648.00

Number of Polls not Taxed, 64 @ \$3.00

Valuation x Rate

\$383,625 x .068	\$26,086.50
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TAX COMMITMENT	\$26,734.50
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Supplementax Tax	56.46
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TOTAL DUE FROM COLLECTOR	\$26,790.96
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Credits to Collector:

Cash to Treasurer	\$26,259.23
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Discounts	329.35
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Errors	51.34
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Abatements	30.00
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Liens	121.04
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	\$26,790.96
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**TOTAL EXCISE TAXES**

Lyman E. Davidson, Collector	\$427.23
Cash to Treasurer	427.23

**Personal Property, Live Stock**

2 Swine	\$ 6.00
38 Horses	3,425.00
118 Cows	5,060.00
3 Oxen	125.00
4 Three Year Olds	170.00
12 Two Year Olds	375.00
610 Poultry	305.00

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\$9,466.00

**Exempt Live Stock and Poultry**

69 Yearlings	\$890.00
49 Sheep	147.00
24 Swine	72.00
488 Poultry	244.00

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\$1,353.00

**Raised by the Town, March 1945**

Common Schools	\$6,000.00
Town Poor	1,200.00
Highways	5,500.00
Incidentals	2,200.00
Text Books	200.00
Supt. Schools Salary	483.00
Free High School	3,100.00
School Supplies and Equipment	200.00
School Repairs	200.00
Interest	350.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Street Lights	550.00
Monson Free Public Library	100.00
Monson Band	100.00



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Fire Department	750.00
School Nurse	100.00
School Physician	25.00
School Light, Power and Insurance	175.00
Aid to Dependent Children	150.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Sidewalks	100.00

Total Appropriations		\$21,683.00
State Tax	\$3,777.38	
County Tax	728.99	
Overlay	545.13	
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		\$5,051.50

Total 1945	\$26,734.50
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## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$2,200.00
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## RECEIVED:

State Treasurer:

Bank Stock	68.83
Forest Fires	29.10
Bear Bounty	500.00
Dog Tax Refund	31.06
R. R. and Telephone Tax	36.82
Use of Sealer's Outfit	2.00

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\$2,867.81

## PAID:

Lyle C. Towne, First Selectman	\$500.00
Edwin A. Holmbom, Second Selectman	225.00
Stanwood H. Pullen, Third Selectman	125.00
Fred M. Hescock, Treasurer	115.00
W. Harry Hughes, Clerk	40.00
Lyman E. Davidson, Coll., Com.	678.42

## ANNUAL REPORT

School Committee	60.00
Health Officer's Expense	16.73
Moderator	4.00
Printing	70.31
Town Books, Etc.	49.61
Register of Deeds	5.50
Light and Power (Town Buildings)	43.87
Insurance (Town Building)	83.18
Telephone (Town Building)	26.46
State Audit	76.32
Storage (Hearse)	3.00
Bank Check Priviledge	2.25
Surety Bonds	65.00
Bear Bounty	500.00
Maine Municipal Asso. (Dues)	30.00
Forest Fires	58.20
Maine Publicity Bureau	50.00
Unexpended	39.96

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\$2,867.81

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

1944 Balance, Unexpended	\$60.73
1945 Balance, Unexpended	60.73

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$550.00
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PAID:	
Monson Light & Power Co.	\$474.00
Lamps	70.49
Labor	2.00
Supplies	1.12
Unexpended	2.39
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	\$550.00



**TOWN OF MONSON**

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**MONSON BAND**

Appropriation	\$100.00
Expended by Town	100.00

**MONSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Appropriation	\$100.00
State Stipend	5.00

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Expended by Town		105.00

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation	\$50.00
Expended by Town	50.00

**POOR — RELIEF**

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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**RECEIVED:**

Leon Wilkins	40.00
George Ritchie	12.00

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\$1,252.00

**PAID:**

Harding Child	\$ 90.00
Hemmie Strom	291.43
Leland Kimball	34.10
Emma Wilkins	60.17
Margaret Frost	118.96
Edward Gore	312.83
Unexpended	344.51

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\$1,252.00

**OTHER TOWN POOR**

Accounts Receivable	\$91.71
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**RECEIVED:**

Accounts Receivable (Town of Woodville)	91.71
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**CEMETERIES**

Appropriation	\$150.00	
1944 Unexpended Balance	94.61	
RECEIVED:		
Sale of Lots	140.00	
Interest, Trust Funds (perpetual care)	220.80	
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		\$605.41
PAID:		
Payrolls	\$161.72	
Truck	6.00	
Perpetual Care	170.00	
Making Deeds	8.10	
Sale of Lots	6.00	
Withholding Tax	7.70	
Wentworth Cemetery Lot	3.00	
Error (Richard Johnson Trust Fund)	4.00	
Unexpended	238.89	
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		\$605.41

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Appropriation	\$150.00
Unexpended	150.00

**MONSON HONOR ROLL**

1944 Unexpended Balance	\$44.86	
Overdrawn	6.39	
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		\$51.25
PAID:		
Monson Light & Power Co.	\$10.00	
Lamps	2.13	
Name Plates	14.12	
Evald Jorgenson (Care)	25.00	
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		\$51.25

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**TEMPORARY LOANS**

**RECEIVED:**

W. W. Pullen	\$2,000.00	
From Notes Payable (W. W. Pullen)		\$2,000.00

**DISCOUNT ON TAXES**

From Overlay	\$329.35
Discount Allowed	329.35

**ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

From Overlay	30.00
Abatements Allowed	30.00

**ERRORS IN ASSESSMENT**

From Overlay	\$51.34
Errors Allowed	51.34

**STATE TAX**

Appropriation	\$3,777.38	
Expended:		
State Treasurer		3,777.38

**COUNTY TAX**

Assessment	\$728.99
Paid County Treasurer	728.99

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$750.00
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**RECEIVED:**

D. C. Weeks	6.00
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\$756.00

**PAID:**

Payrolls	\$ 78.07
Supplies	103.84
Hose	165.00

Fuel	38.00	
Gas and Oil	10.40	
Express, Freight, Postage, etc.	3.00	
Tending Station	100.00	
Chimney Fires	20.75	
Insurance on Firemen	100.00	
Miscellaneous	5.00	
Unexpended	131.94	
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		\$756.00

## TOWN OF MONSON

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## SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS (CEMETERY) .

	Amt.	Rate	Bal. 1944	Total	Ex. 1945	Bal. 1945
A. F. Jackson	\$100.00	4%	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$3.00	\$ 7.00
Carroll Pullen	50.00	4%		2.00	2.00	
A. W. Chapin	200.00	4%	12.00	20.00	7.00	13.00
Eliz. Pullen (Patten)	200.00	4%	10.00	18.00	8.00	10.00
Harriet Crafts	70.00	4%	1.12	3.92	3.00	.92
John Randall	100.00	4%	7.00	11.00	3.00	8.00
Charles Baker	100.00	4%	6.00	10.00	4.00	6.00
Sarah Haynes	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	5.00	
Sarah Pennington	200.00	4%	14.50	22.50	5.00	17.50
B. M. Packard	100.00	4%	8.50	12.50	3.00	9.50
Peter E. Johnson	100.00	4%	5.00	9.00	3.00	6.00
Lovisa Chapin	100.00	4%	4.00	8.00	3.00	5.00
Flora Varney	50.00	4%		2.00	2.00	
Mrs. F. J. Wilkins (Gates)	100.00	4%	4.25	8.25	3.00	5.25
Mrs. Della Steward	100.00	4%	11.00	15.00	3.00	12.00
David Kervinen, Est.	100.00	4%	8.00	12.00	3.00	9.00
Sanfred Larson	100.00	4%	6.25	10.25	3.00	7.25
Harry Daw, Est.	100.00	4%	5.25	9.25	3.50	5.75
Cora Roberts	100.00	4%	1.50	5.50	4.00	1.50
Sam Ulman	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00	4.00
Dr. Harry Sampson	100.00	4%	4.00	8.00	4.00	4.00
William H. Fogg	100.00	4%		4.00	3.50	.50
John L. Johnson	100.00	4%	13.00	17.00	2.00	15.00
Mrs. Pearl Swanton	100.00	4%	1.50	5.50	3.50	2.00
Mary F. Davis	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00	4.00
Charles Smith	100.00	4%	3.50	7.50	3.00	4.50
Arthur Pennington	200.00	4%	17.50	25.50	4.00	21.50
Peter Nelson	100.00	4%	.50	4.50	3.50	1.00
John Pullen	100.00	4%	4.00	8.00	3.00	5.00
Calvin Sears	150.00	4%	9.50	15.50	4.00	11.50
John Buigeson	100.00	4%	4.00	8.00	3.00	5.00
O. A. Nesberg	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00	4.00
Mary Daw	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00	4.00
Maude G. Johnson	100.00	4%	5.00	9.00	3.00	6.00
A. Walter Farrar	100.00	4%	6.00	10.00	3.00	7.00
Henry Grover	100.00	4%	2.50	6.50	3.00	3.50
Alvah L. Rogers	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
Lilla Lambert	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
Henry A. Anderson	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00	4.00
Mrs. J. H. Mathews	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
Alfred S. Thomas	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
Hanson C. Sibley	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
Mrs. Hilma J. Danielson	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
Hugh Carlson	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
Mrs. Lillian Bodge	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
Frank Libbey	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
Nelson Sherman	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
Nelson Cushman	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
P. J. Wilkins	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00	1.00
Olga Haggstrom	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00	1.00
Richard Johnson	100.00	4%				
Charles F. Anderson	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00	1.00
	\$5,520.00		\$213.37	\$430.17	\$170.00	\$260.17

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

State of Maine:	
Paid to State Poor	\$369.93
Transferred to Net Debt	369.93
Other Towns	
Town of Woodville	\$91.71
RECEIVED:	
Town of Woodville	\$91.71

**OVERLAY**

Appropriation	\$545.13	
Supplemental Tax	56.46	
	<hr/>	\$601.59
PAID:		
Discount on Taxes	\$329.35	
Error in Assessments	51.34	
Abatements	30.00	
Unexpended to Summary	190.90	
	<hr/>	\$601.59

**NET DEBT**

February 15, 1945	\$5,590.10	
Brought from 1940 Taxes	84.98	
Brought from 1939 Taxes	49.15	
Brought from 1938 Taxes	53.28	
Brought from Accounts Receivable	369.93	
	<hr/>	\$6,147.44
Balance from Summary	\$ 433.63	
Net Debt, February 15, 1946	5,713.81	
	<hr/>	\$6,147.44

**INTEREST ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$350.00
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## RECEIVED:

L. E. Davidson, Coll	117.96
Back Taxes	7.25
Liens	27.95
Richard Johnson Trust Fund	4.00

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\$507.16

## PAID:

Temporary Loans	\$ 39.45
Cemetery Trust Funds	220.80
Monson Academy Loan	157.00
Common School Fund	34.16
Unexpended	55.75

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\$507.16

## SUMMARY OF UNEXPENDED AND OVERDRAFT BALANCES

Incidentals	\$ 39.96	
Civilian Defense	60.73	
Fire Department	131.94	
Street Lights	2.39	
Town Poor	344.51	
Interest	55.75	
Aid to Dependent Children	150.00	
Overlay and Supplemental Tax	190.90	
Highway		\$513.45
Sidewalks		22.71
Honor Roll		6.39
Net Unexpended to Net Debt		433.63
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	\$976.18	\$976.18

## HIGHWAY

Appropriation	\$5,500.00
RECEIVED:	
State Treasurer	

## ANNUAL REPORT

Snow Removal	\$590.20
50/50	48.40
Third Class Maintenance	444.65
Truck Rental	3.00
Excise Tax	427.23
Overdrawn	513.45

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\$7,526.93

## PAID:

Third Class Maintenance	\$ 855.61
50/50	41.72
Payrolls	1,578.36
Storage	40.00
Materials	142.30
Gas, Oil	131.00
Repairs	132.56
Tools and Supplies	8.19
Salt	44.00
Insurance (Truck)	20.00
Patrol Maintenance	1,126.20
Plowing	3,155.00
Snow Removal	51.85
Sanding	44.51
Withholding Tax	56.00
Snow Fence	38.63
Trucking	14.42
Sawing Lumber	44.58
Refund (Excise Tax)	2.00

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\$7,526.93

**THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE & RECONSTRUCTION**

From Highway Account \$855.61

## PAID:

Payrolls	\$279.46
Gravel	13.75

## TOWN OF MONSON

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Tar	562.40	
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		\$855.61

## SIDEWALKS

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Cverdraft	22.71	
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		\$122.71
PAID:		
Payrolls		\$122.71

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

February 15, 1946

## Assets

	Feb. 15, 1945	Feb. 15, '46
Cash	\$4,008.61	\$6,188.27
1941 Taxes	45.04	19.00
1940 Taxes	93.08	
1939 Taxes	57.86	
1938 Taxes	54.71	
1945 Tax Liens		35.36
1944 Taxes	95.68	34.46
1943 Taxes	73.92	30.08
1942 Taxes	65.67	25.74
1941 Taxes	410.24	373.12
1940 Taxes	389.40	389.40
1939 Taxes	332.31	332.31
1938 Taxes	332.31	332.31
Accounts Receivable	461.64	
Wentworth Trust Fund	900.00	900.00
Supt. of Schools Salary	25.00	25.00
Net Debt	5,590.10	5,713.81
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	\$12,935.57	\$14,398.86

Liabilities		
Monson Academy Loan	\$3,925.00	\$3,925.00
Common School Fund	854.00	854.00
Wentworth Trust Fund	900.00	900.00
Cemetery Trust Funds	5,520.00	6,020.00
Unexpended Balances Forwarded		
Civilian Defense	60.73	
School Physician	48.00	48.00
Common Schools	627.42	1,624.50
School Repairs	219.43	224.28
School Lights and Insurance	80.76	72.96
Textbooks	292.13	182.89
Supplies and Equipment	268.63	302.34
Cemeteries	94.61	238.89
Tax Lien Costs		6.00
Honor Roll	44.86	
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	\$12,935.57	\$14,398.86

A sufficient number of reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. Please bring your copy to Town Meeting with you.

Respectfully submitted,

LYLE C. TOWNE

EDWIN A. HOLMBOM

STANWOOD R. PULLEN

Selectmen of Monson

### REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The past year has been an unusually good one for the Fire Department. There were a few forest and grass fires but no serious fires in buildings other than 14 chimney fires.

I recommend that a sum of money be raised this year for chimney and building inspection by the Fire Wards. These inspections have been neglected for some time and there are several hazardous chimneys in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS C. WEEKS, Chief

### TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

To 1945 Commitment	\$26,734.50	
Supplemental	56.46	
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Net Tax Commitment to Lyman E. Davidson, Collector		\$26,790.96
Net Tax Returned, Lyman E. Davidson, Collector	\$26,259.23	
Discounts Allowed	329.35	
Errors	51.34	
Abatements	30.00	
1945 Liens (See Liens)	121.04	
<hr/>		\$26,790.96
To 1941 Commitment		\$45.04
Net Tax Returned	\$26.04	
Delinquent:		
Victor Leeman	\$3.00	
Hugh Hall	1.28	
Frank Hall	1.28	
Joe Jardine	1.28	
Frank Jardine	1.28	
William McDonald	1.28	
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	6.40	

Adelle Labree	3.20	
		\$19.00
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		\$45.04
To 1940 Commitment		\$93.08
Net Tax Returned	\$ 8.10	
Transferred to Net Debt	84.98	
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		\$93.08
To 1939 Commitment		\$57.86
Net Tax Returned	\$ 8.71	
Transferred to Net Debt	49.15	
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		\$57.86
To 1938 Commitment		\$54.71
Net Tax Returned	\$ 1.43	
Transferred to Net Debt	53.28	
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		\$54.71

## LIEN ACCOUNTS

To 1945 Liens		\$121.04
Collected by Treasurer		85.68
Uncollected Liens:		
Isabella M. Brown	\$28.56	
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	6.80	
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		\$35.36
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		\$121.04
To 1944 Liens		\$95.68
Collected by Treasurer		61.22
Uncollected Liens:		
Isabella M. Brown	\$ 4.38	
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	6.40	
Ruby Lindie	5.12	



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John H. Lumbert	18.56	
	<hr/>	\$34.46
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		\$95.68
To 1943 Liens		\$73.92
Collected by Treasurer		43.84
Uncollected Liens:		
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	\$ 6.40	
Ruby Lindie	5.12	
John H. Lumbert	18.56	
	<hr/>	\$30.08
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		\$73.92
To 1942 Liens		\$65.67
Collected by Treasurer		39.93
Uncollected Liens:		
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	\$ 6.60	
John H. Lumbert	19.14	
	<hr/>	\$25.74
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		\$65.67
To 1941 Liens		\$410.24
Collected by Treasurer		37.12
Uncollected Liens:		
General Slate Co.	373.12	
	<hr/>	\$373.12
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		\$410.24
To 1940 Tax Liens		\$389.40
Uncollected Liens:		
Rodolph Erickson	\$ 4.39	
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	6.00	
General Slate	349.80	

Eastern Gum Co.	29.21	
		\$389.40
To 1939 Tax Liens		\$332.31
Uncollected Liens:		
General Slate Co.	\$332.31	
		\$332.31
To 1938 Tax Liens		\$332.31
Uncollected Liens:		
General Slate Co.	\$332.31	
		\$332.31
1940-1941-1942-1943-1944-1945 Lien Costs		
Lien Costs Collected		\$16.50
PAID	\$10.50	
Unexpended	6.00	
		\$16.50

### REPORT OF HEALTH NURSE

I hereby submit the Annual Report of Health Service rendered the Town of Monson for the period beginning January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945.

#### Tuberculosis Prevention

New cases admitted to service	1
Home visits to suspect cases	2
Home visits to contact cases	5
Patients x-rayed at Greenville	15
Re-x-rayed at Greenville	3
Admitted to Sanatorium (new cases)	1
Re-admission to Sanatorium	1

Transportation was furnished by the nurse for these patients for x-ray. The nurse assisted Dr. Stanhope in giving the Tuberculin test to 67.

## School Health Service

Special inspection was made for communicable disease. Several calls were made at the homes in the interest of this skin condition.

Dr. Fish of Greenville was called and mass inspection was given to the students. Dr. Fish was assisted by the nurse. Every effort was made to check this skin condition.

Number of pupils weighed-measured	141
Number of pupils with defective vision	5
Number of pupils with defective teeth	49
Number of pupils with unclean teeth	28
Number of pupils with defective throat	25

## Corrections made

Teeth	11
Vision	1

Assistance of the nurse was given Dr. Fish in making the physical examination of the Basket-ball boys and girls.

Number examined	38
Number with defective teeth	13
Number with unclean teeth	13
Number with defective throat	20
Number with enlarged glands	20
Number with skin condition	1
Number with cardiac defect	1
Symptoms of low blood pressure	6
Symptoms of high blood pressure	2

## Unclassified Activities

Number of homes visited	6
Investigation visits	3
Hours spent in school building on health records	12
Meetings	1

The audiometer test will be given in February, 1946.

I wish especially to thank the teachers and students for the large sale of pencils amounting to \$14.40 which

helps to provide more funds for Health work in your Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Piscataquis County Health and Tuberculosis Association

By NELLIE R. GIBBONS, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

Annually, at this season, we concern ourselves with appraising the work of the past year, stock-taking to determine our present position, and finally, planning the work for the new year. We are entering a period in which, on local, state, and federal levels, the term "planning" is rapidly becoming a watchword of sound administration. We are all stockholders and directors in the largest business in the world; namely, that of public education. Planning has always been fundamental to business success, and for our particular business we can claim no exception.

Some pertinent information has been selected from State School Bulletins and brought into the beginning of this report. As this information appeared in the more recent bulletins it should point out the general school problems which we now face and which must be considered in connection with our school plans.

The additional subsidy which was allocated to towns in December under the provisions of the new MacKinnon bill has accomplished untold good in the personnel crisis which the state faced a year ago. Without the supplementary aid which enabled communities to improve salary schedules, the impact of conditions on educational opportunities for children and on the financial status of of teachers would have been serious beyond measure.

The events of the past year, together with national trends which daily become more significant, indicate that our gains were in part temporary and that they are rapidly being nullified. Living costs are constantly mounting, and price controls and wages are being revised upward.

It was generally anticipated that the end of the war would bring about some improvement in the availability of trained teachers. This has not developed. Instead,



the shortage is becoming increasingly critical as teachers leave their positions to marry or to resume life as homemakers.

An overall view of the situation leads to the inevitable conclusion that most communities must give serious consideration to a 1946 budget which will include substantial salary increases to teachers. In this way only can the citizens be assured of a reasonable educational opportunity for their children.

Many towns are now making long-range plans for the improvement of school facilities. In some cases these plans contemplate repairs or additions to present structures. In other cases communities are attempting to formulate a building program which will more adequately serve the educational needs of all the children. Such active interest may prove to be timely. It is doubtless unnecessary to point out that such planning should be most thoroughly and carefully done, since in many instances the initial step in construction will to a large extent, commit the towns to an educational pattern for many years. Concurrent with such planning consideration should be given to the establishment of a reserve fund ear-marked for necessary construction of new or improved school facilities. Towns which must effect a building program in the near future, however limited it may be, would be acting wisely by initiating a program to provide a reserve fund for use when actual construction must begin. In this way towns will have funds which will enable them to take advantage of any matching funds which may become available.

The additional state subsidy, made available under the provisions of the new MacKinnon bill and designated to be allocated to towns in December, enabled your school officials to increase salary schedules at the beginning of this school year. However the salary of only one of them exceeds \$1000. In normal time the increases given might seem adequate, but the increases in salaries have not kept pace with the cost of living. An overall view



of the present situation indicates that further salary increases on some basis should be made.

"Educators Agree Curricula Must be Changed". Such was the heading to a short article that appeared recently in the press. They had agreed that "our old curricula must be changed to meet rapidly changing world conditions. As the first move in the plan for a state-wide development in the public school curriculum, two committees, consisting of primary and elementary teachers have begun work on two bulletins designed to outline new elementary practices to teachers. The bulletins will be on "The Beginning Child" and "Elementary Education in Urban and Rural Schools". Members from the state department are aiding in this work.

We may need to change the age at which beginning children will be admitted to the Monson schools. We have been admitting children to the subprimary grades who are or who are nearly five years of age. In most cases the children have been completing the subprimary grade and grade 1 their first year in school. There has been a change in the age at which children may enter grade 1. In the public schools of the state only those children who will become at least 6 years of age on December 31 of any school year shall be admitted to grade 1. Because of this age requirement most beginning children entering school for the first time in September cannot be admitted to the first grade until the next September. This means either requiring all children to be of the age to enter grade 1 when entering school for the first time or enlarging the school program for the first two years. The solution might eventually mean employing another teacher.

The war has reminded us of many virtues and ideals that we had forgotten. One of them is the duty we owe to our youth in the provision of their education--not education merely in terms of books-- but education in terms of preparation for living and earning. Some say schools are good enough for our children, that we educate all

youth that should be taught, and that we spend enough already on public education. Others maintain that we should do more, that we should have better schools, and that all schools should be as good as our best schools. Yet, all agree that education is more important for the future of our nation now than ever before, but not just any kind of an educational system will produce a world where men may live in security, dignity and peace.

What kind of high school would be good enough for Maine's farm boys and girls? This is a question which many people are trying to answer. Our high schools have grown so rapidly in the last twenty-five years that we have not always given adequate attention to the purposes of secondary education and to the evaluation of the outcomes of the present efforts and opportunities in education.

Secondary education needs, therefore, to be examined in the light of its characteristics and the estimated future needs of youth and the nature of the society to be served. Some say that the solution of the high school problem for Maine's farm boys and girls is the "area school". The area school would serve a large community, comprised of several smaller communities. The time when the smaller communities will be uniting for high school purposes does not now seem far away.

#### **REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY**

To the Superintendent of Schols and Trustees of Monson Academy:

The present school year of Monson Academy opened on Sept. 4, 1945, with an enrollment of thirty-nine students. By classes the enrollment is 7 Seniors, 9 Juniors, 14 Sophomores, and 9 Freshmen.

As last year the small enrollment may be attributed in part to wartime conditions. It is expected that next year, with the war at an end, and with a thriving new industry in our community, the enrollment will be somewhat larger.

The faculty of Monson Academy is the same as last year, consisting of Mrs. Donald MacPherson of Monson, Mrs. Shorey of Dover-Foxcroft, and John Houston, Monson, Maine.

We are maintaining our standing as a class A school and as a member of the New England College Board and entitled to send accredited students to member colleges without an examination.

The schedule of classes being maintained this year is as follows:

Mr. Houston	Mrs. MacPherson	Mrs. Shorey
English 12	French 10	Gen. Math.
Chemistry 11	Pub. Spk. 9 & 10	Algebra 11 & 12
English 10	English 9	W. History 10
Am. History 11	Soc. Problems 12	English 11
Gen. Science 9	Economics 11 & 12	Algebra 10
Biology 10 & 11	French 11	Civics 9

Extra curricula activities have been maintained with Movies, Curtis Magazine Contest, Basketball, and Winter carnival. Preparation of the "Pharyetra", Track, Senior Play, and Graduation will be the chief activities of the spring term.

Generally there has been noted an increased application to tasks assigned. This fact is borne out by the percentage of honor students at Mid-years. 30% of the students had all B's or better for the first half years work. This is naturally very gratifying to the instructors and to the parents.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation shown me by the citizens of Monson, Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HOUSTON

Principal, Monson Academy

### SCHOOL FUNDS AND NEEDS

The school budget we are submitting to the citizens for the needs of the schools for the coming year has been prepared on the basis of the present salary schedules and other costs. The expenditures for the coming year will be more in some cases than has been stated in the budget, but we have assumed that any cost over what is given can be paid from funds carried forward from this year. Thus planning we can avoid any increase in the annual appropriations and have funds available to meet any additional cost that becomes necessary.

The appropriation suggested for high school purposes is the same as that for the current year. The amounts suggested for textbooks and school supply purposes have not been changed from amounts raised for the current year. However the amount expended for textbook purposes for this year has been more than the amount raised. Very likely the same will be true for the coming year. In this way we are continually reducing the amount that is available for textbook purposes. Two insurance policies will need to be renewed this coming summer.

Only about one half of the funds available for repairs for the current year have been used. The largest expense for labor was for fixing windows in the buildings. This consisted of setting glass and painting the inside sash. As in the past I can list work that must be done, work that ought to be done, and work that might be done, and all for the good of the school plant. For one thing we are in need of a new pump for the well. Purchasing a new pump seems more reasonable than trying to repair the old pump. More in detail of these needs will be explained at town meeting or at some meeting previous to that meeting. For one thing the school officials would like for the citizens to have information about the condition of the heater in one of the school buildings.



## SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

## Elementary School Account

## Estimate for Needs:

Teachers' Salaries	\$5,625.00	
Fuel Purposes	900.00	
Janitor Purposes	650.00	
Conveyance Purposes	1,625.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,800.00

## Estimate for Funds:

State School Fund	2,700.00	
Tuition Receipts	250.00	
Appropriation by Town	5,850.00	
	<hr/>	8,800.00

## High School Account

## Estimate for Needs:

Teachers' Salaries	5,400.00	
Library and Laboratory accounts	150.00	
Fuel and Janitor purposes	750.00	
Incidental purposes	100.00	
	<hr/>	6,400.00

## Estimate for Funds:

Academy Funds: State Funds	\$1,600.00	
Tuition Receipts	700.00	
Town State School Fund	1,000.00	
Appropriation	3,100.00	
	<hr/>	6,400.00

## Appropriations Suggested

Elementary School Account	\$5,850.00	
High School Account	3,100.00	
Free Textbook Account	200.00	
School Supply Account	200.00	
School Repairs Account	300.00	
School Insurance Account	\$100.00	
Light and Power Account	60.00	
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Public Health Nurse	100.00
School Physician Account	100.00
Superintendence Account	522.00

Under the heading of Financial Statements may be found information regarding the funds raised by the town in 1945 for school purposes, funds received in the State School Fund for school purposes, together with the amounts expended during the year. This financial report is for the municipal year ending February 15, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER

Superintendent of Schools

February 15, 1946

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1945-1946

##### Elementary School Account

###### Funds Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	\$ 627.42	
Amount Raised, 1945	6,000.00	
State School Fund	2,968.03	
Elliottsville, tuition	278.60	
Louise Davis, tuition acct.	22.00	
Town of Abbot, wood acct.	46.50	
Annual interest	34.16	
	<hr/>	\$9,976.71

###### Expenditures

###### Teachers' Salaries:

L. Pete Gattrell	\$1,208.10	
Manda E. Mattson	1,047.90	
Esther Pennington	1,045.20	
Vivienne E. Bray	1,047.90	
Margaret J. LeClaire	1,012.10	
	<hr/>	\$5,361.20



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## Fuel Purposes:

Paid for wood	\$378.00	
Paid for coal	356.30	
Paid for labor	125.71	
	<hr/>	\$860.01

## Janitor Purposes:

School janitor, wages	\$460.00	
Cleaning at buildings	57.00	
	<hr/>	\$517.00

## School Conveyance:

Arthur L. Bray	\$1,614.00
Amount unexpended, 1945	\$1,624.50

Total amount available	<hr/>	\$9,976.71
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**High School Account**

## Funds Available

Amount raised, 1945	\$3,100.00	
State School Fund	900.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,000.00

## Expenditures

Monson Academy, per contract	\$4,000.00
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**Free Textbook Account**

## Funds Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	\$292.13	
Amount raised, 1945	200.00	
Monson Academy	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$509.63

## Expenditures

## Elementary School Purposes:

Weekly Readers & Current Events	\$ 35.25	
School magazines	13.20	
Workbooks for pupils	46.70	
Textbooks for pupils	145.46	
	<hr/>	\$240.61

High School Purposes		86.13
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Amount unexpended, 1945	182.89
Total amount available	<u>\$509.63</u>

**School Supply Account**

Funds Available	
Amount unexpended, 1944	\$226.63
Amount raised, 1945	200.00
Monson Academy	17.50
	<u>\$444.13</u>
Expenditures	
Office account	\$25.90
Workbooks for pupils	69.72
Supplies for schools	83.33
	<u>\$178.95</u>
Amount unexpended, 1945	265.18
Total amount available	<u>\$444.13</u>

**School Repairs Account**

Funds Available	
Amount unexpended, 1944	\$219.43
Amount raised, 1945	200.00
	<u>\$419.43</u>
Expenditures	
Expended for labor	\$99.50
Expended for material	95.65
	<u>\$195.15</u>
Amount unexpended, 1945	224.28
Total amount available	<u>\$419.43</u>

**School Equipment Account**

Funds Available	
Amount unexpended, 1944	\$42.00
Expenditures	
Amount expended, 1945	\$ 4.84

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Amount unexpended, 1945	37.16	
	<hr/>	\$42.00

## Light and Power Account

Funds Available		
Amount unexpended, 1944	\$63.83	
Amount raised, 1945	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$123.83
Expenditures		
Amount expended, 1945	\$71.18	
Amount unexpended, 1945	52.65	
	<hr/>	\$123.83

## School Insurance Account

Funds Available		
Amount unexpended, 1944	\$ 16.93	
Amount raised, 1945	115.00	
	<hr/>	\$131.93
Expenditures		
Insurance on pianos (2)	\$16.62	
Insurance, building	95.00	
	<hr/>	\$111.62
Amount unexpended, 1945	20.31	
	<hr/>	\$131.93

## Medical Inspection Account

Funds Available		
Amount unexpended, 1944	\$ 48.00	
Amount raised, 1945	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$173.00
Expenditures		
Paid: Services of Health Nurse	\$100.00	
Paid: School Physician	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$125.00
Amount unexpended, 1945	48.00	
	<hr/>	\$173.00

**Superintendence Account****Funds Available**

Amount raised, 1945	\$483.00	
Amount of Overdraft, 1945	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$508.00

**Expenditures**

Amount of Overdraft, 1944	25.00	
Superintendent's Salary, 1945	483.00	
	<hr/>	\$508.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF MONSON**

1945—1946

F. M. Hescock, Treasurer

Cash on Hand	\$4,008.61
Use of Sealer's Outfit	2.00
Cemetery Lots	140.00
Fire Department	6.00
Town of Woodville	91.71
Town of Abbot	46.50
Elliottsville Plantation	138.60
Elliottsville Plantation	140.00
Town of Monson	
Interest, Common School Fund	34.16
Interest, Cemetery Trust Funds	220.80
Poor Account	40.00
Poor Account (Refund)	12.00
School Light and Power (Refund)	7.82
Monson Academy, Books	35.00
Highway Account	3.00
Louise Davis	22.00
W. W. Pullen, Loan	2,000.00
M. H. Jackson, Perpetual Care on Cemetery Lot	100.00
Bernice Jones, Perpetual Care on Cemetery Lot	200.00
Sadie Balcom, Perpetual Care on Cemetery Lot	200.00
1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 Taxes	5.96
1939 Tax Lien	7.28

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1939 Tax Lien, Interest	1.74
1940 Tax Lien	6.60
1940 Tax Lien, Interest	1.12
1941 Tax	63.06
1941 Tax, Interest	13.39
1942 Tax	42.93
1942 Tax, Interest	8.60
1943 Tax	48.34
1943 Tax, Interest	6.43
1944 Tax	65.72
1944 Tax, Interest	1.44
1945 Tax	88.68
1945 Tax, Interest	2.48
L. E. Davidson, Collector	
1945 Taxes	26,259.23
1945 Taxes	117.96
Excise Tax	336.85
1946 Excise Tax	90.38
State Treasurer	
Snow Removal	590.20
Monson Free Library Stipend	5.00
Bank Stock Tax	68.83
50/50 Highway Account	48.40
Forest Fires	29.10
Dog Tax Refund	31.06
Teaching Position	2,928.38
Census	479.65
Conveyance	300.00
R. R. and Tel. Tax	36.82
1945 State Apportionment	444.65
Bear Bounties	500.00
Temporary Resident	160.00
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	\$40,238.48
Credit	
By Paid Warrants	\$34,050.21
Cash on Hand to Balance	6,188.27
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	\$40,238.48



## ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

To Lyman E. Davidson, a constable in the Town of Monson, in the County of Piscataquis:

## GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in Town Hall in said Town of Monson the 25th day of March A. D. 1946, at seven o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:—

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report, as printed.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to employ a Town Manager and fix his compensation.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the powers and duties of the Town Manager in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1939.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 7. To elect three Selectmen for the ensuing year

Art. 8. To elect three Assessors for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To elect three Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 10 To elect a Fire Chief and to authorize him to form his department with complete authority over the same in behalf of the Town of Monson.

Art. 11. To elect a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.



Art. 12. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Interest Account.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray all incidentals and town charges for miscellaneous purposes.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to purchase property to be used for a town dump, and raise money for the same.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for sidewalks.

Art. 20. To see what streets the Town will vote to tar, and raise money for the same.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer any amounts appropriated by the town for State Aid Highway construction in excess of the amounts required to meet State apportionments, to the Highway Account.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a sum of money for the maintenance of improved section of third class road, or to be used in connection with third class apportionment made by the State for the improvement of third class roads.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the maintenance of the so called 50-50 State Patrol Roads.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the so-called Folsom Farm Road from the lower end of Water Street to the Mattson Farm so-called.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for textbooks.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Superintendent of Schools' salary.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school supplies and equipment.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of school houses.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day Services.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for high school purposes, that the superintending school committee be authorized to contract with the Trustees of Monson Academy for the tuition of the high school students of the town, and that the sum raised plus any money that may be allocated from the State School Fund be appropriated for high school purposes.

Art. 31. To see what action the town will take in regard to a heating plant for the Town Hall.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount and how much on taxes paid prior to June 15, 1946.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to charge inter-

est on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15, 1946 and interest to begin on that date and rate of interest to be charged.

Art. 34. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen on its behalf to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Fire Department.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Monson Free Public Library.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be paid the Monson Band for evening concerts.

Art. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for School Health Nurse and authorize the superintending School Committee to hire the same.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the insurance of school buildings and for power and light.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the services of the School Physician, in connection with the Health Officer and Health Nurse, and authorize the Superintending School Committee to hire the same.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to hire money for town purposes.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money during the present year in anticipation of, and to be paid out of the

taxes of the current year 1946 and 1947, and to execute and deliver negotiable promissory note or notes on the town therefor.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Sexton to collect payments for the sale of Cemetery lots and for making deeds of the same.

Art. 45. To see what action the town will take regarding the acceptance of money left in trust for the perpetual care of Cemetery lots and how the same shall be carried.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to have sections of Main Street in Monson designated for parking purposes, to appoint a committee of three to carry out any action voted under this article, and appropriate funds for same.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote in favor of developing the field in back of the town school building known as Flint Field, as an athletic field, vote to raise a sum of money to be available for the coming year, and authorize the superintending school committee to expend any funds that may be raised.

Art. 48. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Aid to Dependent Children.

Art. 49. To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to plow or have plowed and raise money for the same.

Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to remove snow from the business section of the Main Street, and raise money for the same.

Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign a long term contract for snow plowing.

Art. 52. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to buy stumpage to provide fuel and labor for the Town Poor if necessary.



Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to buy a snow-plow and equipment and raise a sum of money for the same.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to work those receiving town aid, the same work to be credited to their indebtedness to the town.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to withhold sums of money due from the town until such time as indebtedness shall have been paid.

Art. 56. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for cemeteries.

Art. 57. To see if the town will vote to sand town roads and raise money for the same.

Art. 58. To see if the town will vote to purchase surety bonds for necessary town officers rather than accept local bondsmen.

Art. 59. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82 of the Revised Statutes, said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Art. 60. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Richard Johnson, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 61. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Sadie Balcom, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 62. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Bernice Jones, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 63. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the cemetery lot of M. H. Jackson, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Given under our hands at Monson, Maine, this 6th day of March A. D. 1946.

LYLE C. TOWNE

EDWIN A. HOLMBOM

STANWOOD R. PULLEN

Selectmen of Monson, Maine

A true Copy, attest

LYMAN E. DAVIDSON

Constable of the Town of Monson, Maine





